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8 March 2019

ITEM FOR ACTION

Utah State University's Department of Plants, Soils and Climate in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences proposes changing the name Land, Plant, and Climate Systems to Soils and Sustainable Land Systems in the manner described below.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Plants, Soils and Climate t in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences proposes changing the name Land, Plant, and Climate Systems to Soils and Sustainable Land Systems.

RECOMMENDATION

The President and Provost recommend that the Board of Trustees approve the proposal to change the name Land, Plant, and Climate Systems to Soils and Sustainable Land Systems in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences' Department of Plants, Soils and Climate.

RESOLUTION
UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Utah State University's Department of Plants, Soils and Climate in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences proposes changing the name Land, Plant, and Climate Systems to Soils and Sustainable Land Systems, and

WHEREAS, The proposed name change of the program supports USU's mission to be one of the nation's premier student-centered land grant and provide students with better career choices, and

WHEREAS, The proposal has been approved by the academic dean, the Educational Policies Committee, and the USU Faculty Senate, and

WHEREAS, The proposal has been approved by the President and Provost of Utah State University;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Utah State University Board of Trustees hereby approve the proposal to change the name Land, Plant, and Climate Systems to Soils and Sustainable Land Systems in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences' Department of Plant, Soils and Climate, and that notification of this proposal be forwarded to the Utah State Board of Regents of the Utah System of Higher Education.

RESOLUTION APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE:

**Utah System of Higher Education
Changes to Existing Academic Program Proposal
Cover/Signature Page - Abbreviated Template**

Institution Submitting Request:	Utah State University	
	<i>Current</i>	<i>Proposed (if applicable)</i>
Program Title:	Land, Plant, & Climate Systems	Soils & Sustainable Land Systems
Sponsoring School, College, or Division:	CAAS	
Sponsoring Academic Department(s) or Unit(s):	PSC	
Classification of Instruction Program Code¹:	01.1201	01.1201
Min/Max Credit Hours for Full Program Required:	120 / 120	120 / 120
Proposed Effective Term for Program Change²:	Fall 2019	
Institutional Board of Trustees' Approval Date:		
Award Type:	BS	

Program Change Type (check all that apply):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Name Change of Existing Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Restructure with or without Consolidation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Transfer to a new academic department or unit
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Suspension
<input type="checkbox"/>	Program Discontinuation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reinstatement of Previously Suspended Program
<input type="checkbox"/>	Out of Service Area Delivery Program

Chief Academic Officer (or Designee) Signature:

I, the Chief Academic Officer or Designee, certify that all required institutional approvals have been obtained prior to submitting this request to the Office of the Commissioner.

_____ Date:

☐ I understand that checking this box constitutes my legal signature.

¹ For CIP code classifications, please see <http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55>.

² "Proposed Effective Term" refers to term when change to program is published. **For Suspensions and Discontinuations**, "effective term" refers to the term the program will suspend admissions.

Program Change Description - Abbreviated Template

Section I: The Request

Utah State University requests approval to change name from Land, Plant, & Climate Systems to Soils & Sustainable Land Systems effective Fall 2019. This action was approved by the institutional Board of Trustees on .

Section II: Program Proposal

Program Change Description/Rationale

Present a brief program change description. Describe the institutional procedures used to arrive at a decision for the change. Briefly indicate why such a change should be initiated. State how the institution and the USHE benefit by the change.

The Department of Plants, Soils, and Climate is proposing this name change to avoid confusion that students have had in finding our soil science program among the majors in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and our department. The proposed name to "Soils and Sustainable Land Systems" better advertises what subjects the major was designed for and uses the names that students are often searching for, namely "soils." While Environmental Soil Science is an emphasis within the major, not having "Soil" in the name of the major was confusing. We learned this from students and are acting to correct that confusion.

Our department discussed this change in our curriculum committee, discussed in our department advisory board, and finally discussed and voted in a recent faculty meeting to make the change to the new name. The faculty vote was unanimous in favor of the change to Soils and Sustainable Land Systems.

Consistency with Institutional Mission/Institutional Impact

Explain how the action is consistent with the institution's Regent-approved mission, roles, and goals. Institutional mission and roles may be found at higheredutah.org/policies/policyr312/ . Indicate if the program will be delivered outside of designated service area; provide justification. Service areas are defined in higheredutah.org/policies/policyr315/ . Will faculty or staff structures be impacted by the proposed change?

The current program and proposed name change of the program supports Utah State University's mission to be one of the nation's premier student-centered land grant and space grant universities by fostering the principle that academics come first; by cultivating diversity of thought and culture; and by serving the public through learning, discovery, and engagement. The proposed name change will not impact faculty and staff, but will help students better find their career choice.

Finances

What costs or savings are anticipated from this change? If new funds are required to implement the change, indicate expected sources of funds. Describe any budgetary impact on other programs or units within the institution.

No significant budgetary impacts are expected. Costs may be incurred to update recruiting materials and website updates. No additional costs are expected for the program itself.